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ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed on September 28, 2011, to accept the delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The present petition is not signed by an attorney of record. However, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature of Bruce L. Adams appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he is authorized to represent the particular party on whose behalf he acts.

Additionally, it is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that the delay in paying the maintenance fee under 37 CFR 1.378(c) was intentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

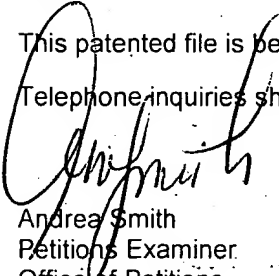
Since petitioner has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that the delay in timely paying the maintenance fee was unintentional, the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c) is hereby **GRANTED**.

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

A courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the address given in the present petition. However, petitioner will not receive future correspondence, which may be mailed, regarding maintenance fees for the above-identified patent, unless a "Fee Address Indication" form and/or a "Request for Customer Number" form(s) is submitted (See USPTO Website for forms PTO/SB/47 and/or PTO/SB/125).

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